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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Branch, P&DS

SUBJECT: Report on Trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan

On the 12th, 13th and 14th of April, [] and I attended a symposium on remote sensing of the environment at the University at Ann Arbor. On Wednesday the 13th, the four of us from P&DS spent most of the day visiting [] at his office at the Institute of Science and Technology, and the [] nearby. We spent the morning with [] and the afternoon at []

The symposium, in my opinion, was of marginal value. It was an unclassified meeting and many of the papers presented were not related even remotely, to the work of NFIC. It seems as if the papers presented at such unclassified meetings all fall into one of two distinct groupings. Either they are extremely elementary and basic, or, in a few cases, they are quite detailed but they cover in great detail some highly specialized subject like "Passive Microwave Determinations of Snow Wetness Factors" with many charts diagrams, mathematical formulas, etc. A complete transcript of each of the papers will be distributed later to all attendees. A person really interested in one or more of the subjects covered can get as much or more from reading the transcript as he can from attending the meetings. I will concede, however, that benefit can be derived from the "contacts" made at such meetings.

The visit to [] on the other hand, was very worthwhile. It was my first visit there and the first time I had met any of their people. The briefing was managed very ably by [] Assistant to the President, who is slated to be manager of our [] Program. Other [] people who briefed us were: [] who is to be the program's technical director, [] a very outstanding Radar expert, [] All of them appeared to be alert, able, engineer-types. The favorable impression [] made on all of us reinforced our feeling that we had made a wise choice in selecting them as our prime contractor for the Unconventional Imagery Program.

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